

Sophonra L. Riley
Army Senior Fellow
Deputy Under Secretary of the Army



Ms. Sophronia L. Riley was selected into the Deputy Under Secretary of the Army, Army Senior Fellows Program in July 2007 based on her outstanding career accomplishments, education, and potential to compete for future Army Senior Executive Service (SES) positions. She recently graduated from the College of Naval Warfare curriculum at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. In addition to studying National Security and Strategic Studies, she also completed an Advanced Research Project in the Halsey Charlie Research Group which studied Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD). Her Halsey research and that of her fellow warrior-scholar colleagues contributed to advancing the nascent Joint Forces missile defense mission area. These concepts are being adopted in the field and at sea today.

Before assuming her role as an Army Senior Fellow, she served in a wide variety of key positions in both the United States and in United States Army Europe (USAEUR). Ms. Riley successfully led Chief of Staff, Army Combined Logistics Excellence Award Program for the HQDA G-4 for three years and served as Team Leader and Senior Project Officer/Advisor for Logistics policy and supply. Prior to that assignment, she served as the USAREUR G4, Automatic Identification Technologies (AIT) Branch Chief and functional expert. She was responsible for AIT USAREUR-Unique and Standard Army Management Information Systems (STAMIS) transportation systems fielded in theater.

CAREER CHRONOLOGY:

July 2007 – Present: Army Senior Fellow, Deputy Under Secretary of the Army, Washington, DC
November 2003 – July 2007: Logistics Management Specialist, HQDA G4, Washington, DC
May 2002 – November 2003: Supervisory Logistics Management Specialist, USAREUR G4, Heidelberg, GE
August 1998 – May 2002: Logistics Management Specialist, USAREUR G4, Heidelberg, GE
June 1995 – August 1998: Computer Specialist, USAREUR G4, Heidelberg, GE

EDUCATION:

MA, United States Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, 2008
MS, National-Louis University, Heidelberg, Germany, 1999
BA, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama 1986

SIGNIFICANT TRAINING

Executive Development Seminar: Leading Change, OPM/FEI, 2008
Leadership Lab; Brookings Institute; 2008
Understanding and Solving Complex Business Problems, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2007
Leading Change in Complex Organizations, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2007
Army Logistics Transformation Agency on Supply Chain Management, Penn State University, 2004
Sustaining Base Leadership Management (SBLM), Army Management Staff College, 2002

CERTIFICATIONS:

Level I certified in Program Management
Level I certified in Life Cycle System Management

AWARDS AND HONORS:

Commander's Award for Civilian Service
Achievement Medal for Civilian Service
Numerous QSI awards for Superior Job Performance during OIF
Numerous Cash Awards for Superior Performance